



THE TIDINGS

Serving the areas of Melton, West Melton, Harkness, Kurunjang, Toolern Vale, Plumpton, Grangefields, Bonnie Brook (West), Rockbank (West).



We are committed to upholding the safety and wellbeing of each child and young person, and endeavour to provide a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - October 4, 2026

CLERGY

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MASS CENTRES & MASS TIMES

St Catherine of Siena Church, Melton West

108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337

- **Saturday** 6pm (Vigil Mass) Please Note:
 - **Sunday** 9am, 11am & 5 pm There is no
 - **Wednesday Mass** 9.15 am Mass on a
- (no Mass during school holidays at St Catherine's Church) Public Holiday.

St Dominic's Church, Melton

Church St, Melton, VIC 3337

- **Thursday & Friday** 9.15 am
- (no Mass on public holidays)

CONFESSION

St Catherine of Siena Church

Saturday: 5.45 pm | Sunday: 10:30-10:50am/4.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

St Dominic's Church

- **Thursday** following the 9.15 am Mass

SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 108 Bulmans Road, Melton West, VIC 3337
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ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Melton West Campus (Year 7-12): 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West

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Reflection by Fr. Wilford Urmaza, RCJ

The Rejected Son: The Cornerstone of God's Kingdom

The vineyard theme Jesus uses in today's liturgy signifies the kingdom of God. The vineyard, as it were, needs proper care and attention; otherwise, it will never produce good fruit and will not be entrusted to people who can bear it.

Jesus clearly tells the Jews (the Scribes and Elders) that the kingdom will be taken from those who refuse God's call and given to a people who produce its fruits. This is not a claim that God has simply discarded the Jewish people, for in Isaiah, the vineyard is the house of Israel. The passage condemns unfaithfulness, particularly among those entrusted with leadership, and speaks of a new community gathered around Christ. The Church includes both Jews and Gentiles who believe in him.

The "stone the builders rejected" is Christ. Though rejected, he becomes the cornerstone—the foundation of God's new work. The parable therefore warns against treating God's gifts as possessions to control: the vineyard belongs to its owner, and its proper harvest is faithful obedience and the fruits of the kingdom.



The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for purchase at our Piety Stall
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Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel .

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER FOR VOCATION

O Jesus' gentle heart, in your entire mortal life you
sought always the glory of Your Father.

Deign to send to Your Holy Church good and evangelical
workers, who will incessantly glorify Your Father who is in
heaven with the holiness of their life and apostolic work.

Send of Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.



Next Week's Readings:

Isa 25:6-10 Phi 4:12-14, 19-20 Mat 22:1-14

Please pray for : Sick - Daisy Gonzales

Recently Deceased - Eufrocina Abrigo,

Violeta Serimoga, Mary Saliba, Adelfa Juanga

Death Anniversaries

Jim Lawson, Brian Dobson, Marge Price, Kellie Maree Elmer, Carlo Bacchilega, Norman Skinner, Margaret Buttigieg, Lynette Dudkowski, Carmen Galea, Peter Fenlon, Clarence Corera, Philip Aldridge, Br Cahill Gleisner SDB, Kolotea (Gloria) Malia Lemana-Tuilaepa, Fr Peter James, Gerti Roberts, Daniel Paoli, Bronwyn Huxtable, Shyamalee Candappa, Sean Stewart, Birdwyn Dennis Allen, Mrs Nugera, Royal Thompson, Carmen Sullivan, Lucina Dimaano, Carmelo Bartolo, Lolita G Patricio, Joseph Cassar, Ellen Veronica Kealy, Fransz Pereira

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2026 FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE & OUTING OF THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF MELTON & MELTON SOUTH

On **Saturday, 10 October 2026**, our Partnered Parishes will travel by bus on a special pilgrimage to St Anthony's Church Capuchin Friary, Hawthorn, and St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park.

Itinerary 8.30am: Depart Melton/Melton South

9.30am: Arrive at St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church, Hawthorn

12.00pm: Shared picnic lunch (BYO) at Mill Park

2.00pm: Proceed to St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park

3.00pm: Holy Mass

4.00pm – Depart for Melton/Melton Sth

Three buses have been booked.

The cost is \$55 per person, which includes travel, a snack, and a Pilgrimage Kit.

Please scan the QR code to book and pay for the pilgrimage. For those who need assistance with the QR code, please see our volunteers after Mass or contact the Parish Office during the week.



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility
In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the safety and wellbeing of all persons is of highest priority.

Please Ring Mass Manager If Unable To Attend And Perform your Rostered Duty



6pm—Tania Walters
9am Theo Franken

11am— Lea Jacuta
5pm - Josephine Krajina

October Rosters have been emailed. Thank you.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 3 & 4, 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Bill McGuinness	Asther Creo	Liz Coustley	Frank Unferdorben
The Word	Gail Vas	Theo Franken	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Responder	Tetchie Hadfield	Fred Smith	Cira Cleary	Josephine Krajina
Presentation of Gifts	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Elainne De los Santos
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Leny Obtinalla	Anne Stokie	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Holy Communion	Kate Mulholland	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
PowerPoint Operator	Tania Walters	Sanyata Creo	Daniella Ahmet	Nina Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland	Vickie Cassar	Lea Jacuta	Janet Estrada
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No Choir
Counters	Elizabeth Marshall, Anne Stokie, Karl Metha			

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday & Sunday October 10 & 11 2026

Ministers of:	6 PM	9 AM	11 AM	5 PM
Welcome	Kate Mulholland	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
The Word	Gail Vas	Sanghaya Creo	Cira Cleary	Sarah Olayvar
Responder	Maria Prasetyono	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
Presentation of Gifts	Robert Obtinalla	Karl Metha	Lea Jacuta	Josephine Krajina
Extra-ordinary Ministers	Gail Vas	Marissa Tuason	Lea Jacuta	Ismael Sosa-Sanchez
Holy Communion	Maria Alvarado	Theo Franken	Liz Coustley	Lesley Sosa-Ritchie
PowerPoint Operator	James Taniman	Sanyata Creo		Daniella Ahmet
Gift Shop	Kate Mulholland		Lea Jacuta	Frank Unferdorben
Choir	Divine Mercy	Veneration	Veritas	No choir
Counters	John Woof, Leslie Gordon			

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
OCTOBER 2026**

Wednesday, 7th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine Church Yr 5 to attend
Thursday, 8th	9:15am Mass: St Dominic's Church
Friday, 9th	9:30am - St Dominic's Parish Hall SD Primary School 50th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, 10th	8:00AM Pick up Franciscan Pilgrimage 11:00am Baptism St Catherine of Siena Church
Wednesday, 14th	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church Yr 6 to attend
Thursday, 15th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 16th	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 4 to attend
Wednesday, 21st	9:15am Mass: St Catherine of Siena Church SCPS Yr 4 to attend
Thursday, 22nd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church
Friday, 23rd	9:15am Mass: St Dominics Church SDPS Yr 3 to attend



Changes to the Working with Children Check

New Working with Children Connect online service and mandatory Working with Children Child Safety Training

Victoria is reforming the Working with Children (WWC) Check to strengthen safeguards for children and help organisations make safer decisions about the people they engage to work or volunteer with children.

From 19 October 2026:

- the **new WWC Connect online** service will be introduced
- **mandatory WWC Child Safety** will become part of the WWC Check application and renewal process.

The changes **strengthen the WWC Check system** by giving organisations, agencies and individuals greater responsibility for ensuring that the people they engage in child-related work hold a valid WWC Clearance. The changes also give the Social Services Regulator more accurate and up-to-date information about where people with a WWC Clearance are working.

Mandatory online child safety training will help ensure people applying for or renewing a WWC Check understand their responsibilities for keeping children safe. The training complements and does not replace an organisations' existing child safety responsibilities, induction, supervision and training.

Working with Children WWC Connect is a new online service that will record the connection between organisations and individuals, and the workers they engage in child-related work. It will help organisations and sole traders meet the new legal requirement to notify the Social Services Regulator (SSR) about workers and volunteers they engage in child-related work and help the SSR identify who needs to be informed if a person's WWC Clearance status changes.

Organisations should start preparing now for WWC Connect:

- understand the changes. Review their processes. Prepare their organisation
- check that workers and volunteers have the correct WWC Clearance or exemption details
- prepare and connect existing workers and volunteers through WWC Connect when the service becomes available
- make sure recruitment compliance and human resources staff are aware of the changes
- let workers and volunteers know about the mandatory training requirements where relevant.

People who currently hold a WWC Clearance do not need to do anything just yet. In the meantime they should keep their contact details up to date so they can receive important information and reminders.

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

Parish Offertory Giving 2026

September Update:
Pledged: \$4,888.35
Actual: \$3,828.12

If you would like to:

- Make a **one-off donation**
- Set up **recurring donations** to the parish



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A smart terminal is situated on the table by the wall in the Gathering Area of the church. You can tap & give with your card or smart device to support the Parish too.

Parishioners can download and use the **Parousya Faith** app to automatically check-in when they arrive at their parish, receive the Day's Readings, and make a quick, simple, secure and anonymous donation using their Apple Wallet, all without registering an account.



PARISH BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements & Notices: Please submit your announcement or notices no later than 9am every Wednesday. Bulletin notices are normally retained in The Tidings for two weekends. Notices and announcements submitted after the deadline will be considered for publication on the following weekend. All subject to approval.



First Aid & Defibrillator is located in the Lay-Sacristy.